

Bylaws for
LEADERSHIP OBION COUNTY

Revised March 30, 2016

ARTICLE I – GENERAL

Section 1. Name. This organization shall be known and designated as Leadership Obion County.

Section 2. Sponsoring Organization. The sponsoring organization shall be Obion County Joint Economic Council.

Section 3. Objectives. The objectives of Leadership Obion County are to annually identify and involve a group of Obion County residents who have demonstrated leadership potential. The Leadership Obion county program is aimed at helping to develop and motivate future leaders for Obion County.

ARTICLE II – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. General. A Board shall govern Leadership Obion County as hereinafter provided. The Board shall consist of sixteen to twenty voting members as specified in Section 2 and 3 of the Article.

Section 2. “Number of” to be Appointed. The Leadership Obion County Board shall appoint one person to serve a three-year term on the Leadership Obion County Board. If needed, the board may appoint an additional person to serve up to a three-year term.

Section 3. “Number of” to be Elected. Each year’s Leadership Obion County class shall elect up to two of its members to serve three-year terms on the Leadership Obion County Board.

Section 4. Ex-officio Members of the Board. Ex-officio members of the Leadership Obion County Board shall be the Executive Director of the sponsoring organization, and the Executive Director of Leadership Obion County. The Board may name as many advisory members as it deems necessary. Ex-officio and advisory members shall not have voting privileges.

Section 5. Replacement. In the event of the death or resignation of any of the directors on the Leadership Obion County Board, the Board may select any eligible person to fulfill the vacated position on the Board and to serve the unexpired term of that position.

Section 6. Eligibility for Re-Appointment. A director shall be eligible for appointment to an additional term. Following the completion of two three-year terms, they shall not be

eligible for appointment until after an interval of at least one year following the completion of the final year of service.

Section 7. Vacancies. The seat of any member of the Board may be declared vacant by the Chair of the Board after the Trustee has been absent without an explanation from two consecutive regularly called meetings of the Board. Upon a declaration of vacancy, the Leadership Obion County Board of Trustees is authorized to appoint a successor to serve the remainder of the term of the vacated position.

Section 8. Functions of the Board. The functions of the Board shall be those commonly ascribed to such bodies.

Section 9. Meetings of the Board. Meetings of the Board shall be held as often and at such times and places as may be decided by the Board. Special meetings may be called by the chair of the Board, or on written request of at least five persons. Seven days shall normally be given to all Trustees before any called meeting of the board. Nine Trustees shall constitute a quorum. At the board meetings, votes by written proxy shall be officially recognized when voted by a duly recognized Trustee. Members who are necessarily absent from such meetings may designate a person to appear and speak for them. Nevertheless such person shall not have any official vote in the proceedings nor shall he or she represent more than one absent member. (Note: If Leadership Obion County should officially incorporate, a provision for an annual meeting must be added).

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers to be Elected. The elected executive officers of the organization shall be a Chair of the Board and a Vice Chair. Only members of the Board shall be eligible to hold office. Such officers shall be elected for terms of one year by the Board following the appointment of new officers at the conclusion of each year's program.

Section 2. Duties of Officers. The Chair of the Board shall be the chief officer of the organization, shall be its chief spokesperson, and shall preside at all board meetings. The Chair also appoints persons to chair any necessary Leadership Obion County committees.

The Vice Chair shall serve as second in command, shall preside at all meetings where the Chair is not present, and shall assume the duties of the Chair should he or she not be able to fulfill his or her responsibilities.

Section 3. Executive Director. The Executive Director of Leadership Obion County shall be provided by the sponsoring organization. The Executive Director's responsibilities include management of the programs account, and assistance to the Board officers, and committees. The Executive Director shall serve as Treasurer for the Board but shall not have voting privileges.

ARTICLE IV – GENERAL OPERATING PROCEDURES

Section 1. Committees. The Leadership Obion County committee structure shall consist of committees for each month's program. The Chair of the Board may appoint any other committees, which are deemed necessary to carry out Leadership Obion County functions.

The Program Committees shall be responsible for planning and implementing the Leadership Obion County program for that month.

The Executive Director and Leadership Board shall be responsible for recruiting nominees, securing applications, and present to the Board a qualified group from which the Board is to select the designated number of members for the leadership class. The Board shall also select two alternates, ranked in order of preference to serve in the event anyone from the primary group is unable to accept an appointment to the class. No resolution or action by any committee shall be binding upon or representative of the Leadership Obion County organization until approved by the Board.

Section 2. Parliamentary Procedures. The organization at its meeting and the committees in their deliberations shall be governed by Robert's rules of Order insofar as they may be consistent with this instrument.

Section 3. Meeting Procedures

- Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- Financial report
- Old Business
- New Business
- Adjourn

Article V – Finances

Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the organization shall commence on July 1 and end on June 30 of the succeeding year.

Section 2. General Receipts and Disbursements. The Executive Director of Leadership Obion County shall collect all fees and tuition and deposit them in the Leadership Obion County account held by the sponsoring organization in accordance with commonly accepted accounting practices.

Section 3. Private Contributions. Any private or corporate contributions to Leadership Obion County may be used to discharge the individual financial obligations of Leadership Obion County, or such special Leadership Obion County programs for which such funds may have been collected or contributed.

Article VI – Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended by a majority of the present at any meeting of the Board, provided that notice of the substance of the proposed amendment shall have been mailed to each Trustee at least seven days prior to the meeting at which the amendment is to be considered.

January 20, 2000 Amendment:

Meeting of the board shall be held as often and at such times and places as the board may decide. Special meetings may be called by the chair of the Board or on written request of at least five members. Seven days shall normally be given to all Trustees before any called meeting of the board. Five Trustees shall constitute a quorum. At meetings of the board, votes by written proxy shall be officially recognized when voted by a duly recognized Trustee. Members who are necessarily absent from such meetings may designate a person to appear and speak for them. Nevertheless such person shall not have any official vote in the proceedings nor shall he or she represent more than one absent member.

Article IV will add a Section 3 – Meeting Procedures

1. Prayer
2. Calling of the Roll
3. Reading and approval of the minutes of previous meeting
4. Financial report
5. Old Business
6. New Business
7. Adjourn

June 30, 2014 Amendment:

Motion was made to revise the current method of Director pay (tiered plan) to a flat fee per student of \$175.00 per student not to exceed 20 students without Board approval.